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In re: Nichols *et al.*
Serial No. 10/628,077
Filed: July 25, 2003
For: METHODS FOR THE LATE INTRODUCTION OF ADDITIVES
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Request for Consideration of Previously Submitted IDS

Sir:

On September 3, 2004, Applicants concurrently mailed to the U.S. Patent Office documents relating to (1) the payment of an issue fee and (2) the submission of an IDS. The Patent Application Information Retrieval system indicates that the Patent Office did not properly docket this IDS before dispatching the application to Final Data Capture (FDC).


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In summary, Applicants timely submitted the attached IDS in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) and MPEP § 609. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office promptly docket the IDS and forward the application to the Examiner for his consideration of the cited references.

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Respectfully submitted,



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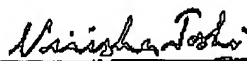
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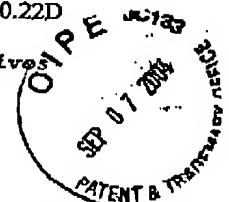
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